

REMARKS

Claims 21, 24-26, 29-35, and 37-41 are currently pending within the application. Applicants respectfully point out that the Examiner has allowed claims 21, 24-26, 29-35, and 37-41.

Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement herein.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present listing of claims remain in condition for immediate allowance.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

In the Office Action dated December 10, 2007, the Examiner provided some reasons that the claimed subject matter contained allowable subject matter over the prior art. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), reasons for allowance are intended only as a supplement to the "record as a whole" when that record is not clear, and shall not be treated as a substitute for the record or in a manner inconsistent with the record. Thus, Applicants accept the Examiner's reasons only to the extent that they are consistent with the record as a whole prior to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, and do not accept any claim interpretation that is broader or narrower than that afforded by the record as a whole prior to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. No limitation or construction should be inferred from the Examiner's statement under rule 104(e).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, each of the claims remaining in the application is in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the Brian Lambert (Reg. No. 60,708) at (336) 607-7357 or Bret T. Winterle (Reg. No. 54,546) at (336) 607-7405 to discuss any questions relating to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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